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Partnership to Connect Every Classroom, Every Day

Connected Nation has been selected by EducationSuperHighway to carry forward its mission to ensure state and school district leaders have the information they need to improve school broadband connectivity.

VA seeing substantial growth in telehealth, key patient engagement tools

In 2019, it offered more than 2.6 million telehealth episodes of care to more than 900,000 veterans.

'Gamer' or not, all students can benefit from gamified learning

Over the course of two generations, video games have evolved from basic tests of response times and fine motor skills to complex endeavors that drive hundreds of thousands of passionate fans online to hotly debate strategy and tactics.

The Rise of the Internet of Things

They are already here. And they might already outnumber us. Their proliferation is breath-taking, with an estimated population reaching 125 billion in the next 10 years.

USDA Invests \$11 Million in Broadband for Rural Minnesota and Iowa Communities

USDA has invested \$11 million in three, high-speed broadband infrastructure projects that will create or improve rural e-Connectivity for more than 1,395 rural households and nearly 120 businesses throughout several counties in Minnesota and northern lowa.

L.A. County Confirms Phishing Attack, No Services Disrupted

More than two dozen employees received an email in December containing malware, but county information technology staff detected and contained it before the exposure of any county resident data.

DHS S&T Awards \$750K to Maryland Company for Cybersecurity of Emergency Communicators

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) awarded \$750,000 to SecuLore Solutions, an Odenton, Md.-based cybersecurity company, to improve and increase the resiliency of the nation's emergency communications infrastructure, including Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies.

Delaney touts rural investment in caucus home stretch

Former Maryland Congressman John Delaney continues to travel around the state. Delaney tells KMA News his campaign is focusing on issues he claims none of the other candidates are mentioning, such as the need for rural investment.

Telephone company receives \$5.4 million from USDA to improve internet in rural Minnesota, Iowa

The USDA said the ReConnect Program award will be used to construct a fiber-to-premises (FTTP) network to 577 households, a healthcare center and a critical community facility. It will spread over more than 143 miles in several counties bordering southern Minnesota and northern lowa.

Telehealth service provides accessible healthcare to veterans

Access to healthcare for veterans in the VA system is now more convenient thanks to a growing telehealth service in North Carolina. The service uses real-time interactive video conferencing to connect the patient to the provider.

Augusta University Partners With State on Election Security

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has announced that his office will partner with the Augusta University School of Computer and Cyber Sciences to ensure the state's new electronic voting systems are secure.

FBI will alert state election chiefs about attacks on local voting systems

The FBI announced that it will begin notifying statewide election officials if voting infrastructure in any part of their states suffers a cyberattack, a shift from the bureau's longstanding policy of only notifying local officials and vendors directly.

Telehealth programs at schools almost ready for students

It's not uncommon for symptoms of the flu, strep throat or common illnesses to come on suddenly—even in the middle of the school day. Now thanks to Health Resources and Services Administration grants awarded to the Indiana Rural Health Association, students can get the ball rolling on treatment for those illnesses and many others without a trip to the doctor's office that often also requires parents or guardians to miss work.

USDA Invests \$23 Million in Broadband for Rural North Dakota Communities

Today, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development North Dakota State Director Clare Carlson announced USDA has invested \$23 million in two high-speed broadband infrastructure projects that will create or improve rural e-Connectivity for 2,643 rural households and 78 businesses in North Dakota.

Long supports FCC's proposed \$20B fund to advance high-speed broadband in rural areas

U.S. Rep. Billy Long (R-MO) this week urged the FCC to adopt its recently announced Rural Digital Opportunity Fund proposal, which would allocate more than \$20 billion through a reverse-auction format to connect America's rural homes and small businesses to high-speed broadband networks.



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